

KERN COUNTY
System Improvement Plan Approval Document
Submitted 9/30/04

Program Areas	Improvement Plan			Anticipated Date of Completion
	*Required		Strategy	
	Yes	No		
Safety:				
•Recurrence of Maltreatment	√		•Increase services in specific neighborhood pockets of abuse	9/1/05
			•Implement alternative response system	9/30/05
			•Conduct survey re: alternative response	11/30/05
			•Provide linkages to resources prior to case closure	9/30/05
			•Develop a common risk assessment tool among county partners	12/31/05
			•Work with law enforcement to develop alternative measures to placing children into protective custody	9/30/05
			•Create voluntary FM program	3/31/05
			•Develop Family Resource Center liaison	5/31/05
			•Develop CalWORKS/CWS linkages	3/31/05
			•Explore funding for parenting classes for outlying areas	12/31/04
			•Evaluate technology needs for outlying areas	9/30/05
			•Increase substance abuse programs in specific areas	9/30/05
			•Training: motivating toward recovery	1/31/05
			•Measure use of motivational techniques	5/31/05
		Data reports, Safe Measures and contact with county will be used to monitor progress.		
•Abuse/Neglect in foster care	√		•Developing a placement crisis team	10/31/05
				Data reports, Safe Measures and contact with county will be used to monitor progress.
•Timely ER Response (process measure)		√		
•Social Worker Visits with child (process measure)	√		•Data clean-up in CWS/CMS	12/31/04
			•Monitor data entry of contacts and case plans	12/31/04
			Data reports, Safe Measures and contact with county will be used to monitor progress.	
Permanency				
•Time to Reunification		√		

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•Time to Adoption		√		
•Placement Stability		√	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Improve relative placement process •Research Family to Family •Develop placement Crisis Team •Develop respite care resources 	3/31/05 12/31/04 3/31/05 10/31/05
			<i>Data reports, Safe Measures and contact with county will be used to monitor progress.</i>	
•Foster Care re-entry	√		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Link family with community support resources prior to terminating services •Develop criteria for phasing child back into the home •Explore practical parenting classes, rather than theoretical model •Engage family in case planning •Develop Time-Released case planning •Increase substance abuse treatment and aftercare 	3/31/05 9/30/05 1/31/05 4/30/05 4/30/05 9/30/05
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Well-Being				
•Preserving family relationships				
•Least Restrictive Placements				
•ICWA Placements				
•ILP				
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•Statewide Information System				
•Case Review System				
•Quality Assurance System				
•Training				
•Service Array				
•Agency Responsiveness to the Community				
•Foster and				

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Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment and Retention				
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